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REMARKS

Claims 22 to 24, 30, 37, 39 to 55, 57 to 64, 66 to 73 and 75 to 82 are currently pending. While the notice of allowable subject matter in all pending claims, save claim 22, is gratefully appreciated, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as set forth on page 2 of the Final Rejection.

More particularly, it is respectfully submitted that the table on page 11 and 12 of the specification, by setting forth an example of a 20wt% Pd to 80wt% Pt alloy, provides support for the low end (20wt%) of the palladium (Pd) range and the high end (80wt%) of the platinum (Pt) range, as claimed in claim 22. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 22, like the remaining claims, is in condition for allowance. A notice of allowability of all pending claims is, accordingly, respectfully requested.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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